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Docket No. LFS-5016USNP



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John J. ALLEN Confirmation No.: 2856  
Appln. No. : 10/698,775  
Filed : October 31, 2003  
Title : LANCING DEVICE WITH TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR  
PENETRATION DEPTH CONTROL  
Art Unit : 3736  
Examiner : Huong Q. NGUYEN

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**Extension of Time**

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for Three (3) months from the original due date of May 2, 2006, to extend the time for reply to August 2, 2006. The required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) of \$1020.00 is submitted herewith in an express request to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750 (Docket LFS-5016USNP/MM). (Form PTO/SB/17 Fee Transmittal is attached in duplicate). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

In response to the Office Action of February 2, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Fees payable to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2006**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,020.00

**Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
- 20 or HP =	x	=

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP = _____	x _____	= _____	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Extension for Response within Third Month

Fees Paid (\$)

1,020.00

**SUBMITTED BY**

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